OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOUR IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.

WORKING CLASS COST OF LIVING INDEX NUMBER FOR BANGALORE CITY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1946.

A Rise of 38 Points.

The working class cost of Living Index Number for Bangalore City for the month of July 1946, works up to 240·7 which is higher than the previous month's figure by 37·5 points.

As compared with the previous month, the Index Number of the Food group advanced by 12·6 points to 266·3 due to a rise in the prices of Turdhal, Bengalgram dhal, Jaggery, Ghee, Onions, Gingelly oil, Chillies and Garlic. Wheatflour, Sojee and readymade Coffee are treated as variables and the increase in cost on these items has been worked into the index number.

The Index Number of the fuel and lighting group rose by 0·4 points to 203·7 on account of a rise in the price of Caster oil.

A further rise in the price of saries resulted in the rise of the Index Number of the clothing group by 0·4 points to 199·7.

All the items in the miscellaneous group are treated as variables, as it is found necessary to work into the cost of living indices, the actual increased cost relating to these items. From July onwards the Index Numbers will be compiled on this revised basis. The Index Number of the Miscellaneous Group rose by 159·0 points to 259·0 as a result of this revision.

The Index Number of House Rent remained constant.

(Average prices from July 1935 to June 1936=100)

Articles	Unit of quantity	Weight proportional to total expenditure	Average prices per unit of quantity: Year ended June 1936	June 1946	July 1946	Index Numbers: June 1946	July 1946
Food—			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		
Raw Rice	... Seer(Msr.)	14·0	0 2 2	0 4 7	0 4 7	212	212
Boiled Rice	... ,,	22·6	0 2 3	0 4 7	0 4 7	204	204
Ragi	... ,,	6·6	0 1 1	0 2 8	0 2 8	246	246
Blackgram Dhal	... ,,	0·7	0 3 1	0 10 8	0 10 8	346	346
Tur Dhal	... ,,	3·4	0 2 8	0 9 8	0 10 3	363	384
Bengalgram Dhal	... ,,	1·4	0 2 11	0 10 0	0 11 0	343	377
Avare Dhal	... ,,	0·6	0 2 7	0 11 3	0 10 10	435	419
Greengram	... ,,	1·2	0 2 0	0 8 2	0 8 2	408	408
Sugar (Wt,)	... ,,	1·9	0 1 4	0 2 3	0 2 3	169	169
Jaggery	... Viss	1·9	0 3 6	0 12 7	0 13 9	360	393
Coffee seeds (Wt.)	... Seer	1·4	0 3 11	0 12 3	0 12 3	313	313
Meat (weight)	2 lbs.	7·2	0 7 0	1 8 0	1 8 0	343	343
Curds (measure)	... Seer	1·9	0 1 7	0 4 0	0 4 0	253	253
Milk	... ,,	6·1	0 3 7	0 6 5	0 6 5	179	179
Ghee (Wt.)	... ,,	2·7	0 6 0	1 3 6	1 4 4	325	339
Onions	... Viss	1·0	0 1 3	0 4 3	0 4 9	340	380
Vegetables	... ,,	5·6	0 2 6	0 9 0	0 8 10	360	353
Fruits	... Doz.	0·9	0 2 0	0 3 5	0 3 3	171	163
Gingelly oil (Wt.)	... Seer	2·5	0 2 0	0 6 3	0 6 6	313	325
Groundnut oil	... ,,	0·4	0 1 8	0 5 8	0 5 6	340	330
Salt (measure)	... ,,	1·1	0 1 3	0 1 11	0 1 11	153	153
Cocoanut	... Each	1·0	0 1 0	0 3 8	0 3 5	367	342
Tamarind	... Viss	0·9	0 3 3	0 7 11	0 7 1	244	218
Chillies	... ,,	2·0	0 7 4	2 9 5	2 10 3	565	576
Coriander seeds	... Seer	1·3	0 1 5	0 8 1	0 8 1	571	571
Garlic (Wt.)	... ,,	0·7	0 2 0	0 3 11	0 4 1	196	204
Wheat Flour	... ,,	1·4	0 0 8	0 4 10(*b*)	0 1 5(*a*)	100	213
Soji (measure)	... ,,	1·3	0 2 5	0 4 6(*b*)	0 7 6(*a*)	100	310
Ready made coffee	... Cup	6·3	0 0 6	1 5 7(*b*)	0 1 0(*a*)	100	200
Total	...	100·0	...	...	...	253·7	266·3
Index Number of all Food Articles		...	...	...	...	...	...
Fuel and Lighting—							
Firewood	... Maund	72·0	0 2 6	0 4 11	0 4 11	197	197
Castor Oil (Wt.)	... Seer ...	7·7	0 1 11	0 6 5	0 6 6	335	339
Kerosene Oil	... Bottle	16·0	0 2 1	0 3 3	0 3 3	156	156
Match Box of 40 sticks	Each...	4·3	0 0 2	0 0 5	0 0 5	250	250
Total	... ...	100·0	...	...	...	203·3	203·7
Clothing—	Index Number—Fuel and Lighting					...	...
Dhoties	Pair of 8 yards.	14·6	2 0 9	3 13 3	3 13 3	187	187
Coating	... Per Yard	22·5	0 5 6	0 10 9	0 10 9	195	195
Shirting	... ,,	21·5	0 4 0	0 7 6	0 7 6	188	188
Cloth for Pyjamas, etc.	,,	3·0	0 4 0	0 10 1	0 10 1	252	252
Sarees	... Each	22·4	3 0 0	6 8 0	6 9 0	217	219
Cloth for Jackets, etc.	Yard	16·0	0 5 0	0 9 10	0 9 10	197	197
Total	...	100·0	...	...	...	199.3	199.7
House rent—	Index Number—Clothing					...	...
House rent	...	100·0	2 10 3	2 10 3	2 10 3	100	100
	Total ...	100·0					

Articles	Unit of quantity	Weight proportional to total expenditure	Average prices per unit of quantity: Year ended June 1936	June 1946	July 1946	Index Numbers: June 1946	July 1946
			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		
Miscellaneous—	Index Number—House rent					100	100
				(*b*)	(*a*)		
Shaving	...	13·0	0 1 0	0 9 6	0 2 0	100	200
Washing soap	...	17·5	0 4 0	0 4 8	0 13 9	100	344
Supari	...	8·4	0 3 6	0 6 3	0 11 4	100	324
Beedi	...	11·2	0 1 0	0 6 9	0 2 0	100	200
Amusement	...	8·4	0 2 0	0 6 2	0 3 9	100	188
Education	...	5·0	0 2 0	0 3 8	0 4 6	100	225
Medicine	...	8·3	0 4 0	0 6 1	0 7 0	100	175
Flowers	...	5·7	0 0 6	0 4 3	0 1 0	100	200
Household Necessaries		22·5	0 5 0	1 0 8	0 15 7	100	312
Total	...	100·0	...	...	...	...	...
Index Number—Miscellaneous			...			100	259·0

Group			Weight proportional to the total expenditure	Group Index Numbers: June 1946	July 1946
Food	...	...	53·5	253·7	266·3
Fuel and Lighting	...	...	7·0	203·3	203·2
Clothing	...	...	13·8	199·3	199·7
House Rent	...	...	6·4	100·0	100·0
Miscellaneous	...	...	19·3	100·0	259·0
	Total	...	100·0	...	...
Cost of Living Index Number		...	...	203·2	240·7

N.B.—As it has been found necessary to work into the cost of Living Indices, the actual increased cost relating to:—

(1) Wheatflour, (2) Soji and (3) Readymade Coffee in the food group and all the nine items in the miscellaneous group, these have been treated as variables. From July 1946 onwards the index numbers will be compiled on this revised basis.

(*a*) The price quoted is the current rate in each case and the percentage relatives are worked out on this basis.

(*b*) The average monthly expenditure per family as ascertained during the family budget survey is noted in each case and the index number is equated to 100.

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